

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (New) A cannula (1) having a protection cap (2) for a medical infusion line, said cannula comprising a hollow body (3) having at a first end (6) a female luer lock connector (4-5) adapted to be mated with a male luer lock connector on said medical infusion line and having at a second end an axial tubular ferrule (7), said hollow body (3) having an outer surface formed with lateral teeth (9), and said protection cap (2) having an inner surface formed with complementary lateral teeth (12), wherein said outer surface of said hollow body (3) and said inner surface of said protection cap (2) are both cylindrical and said lateral teeth (9, 12) of said hollow body (3) and cap (2) are axially tapered and wherein said protection cap (2) is removably applied onto said hollow body (3) to enclose said tubular ferrule (7) with said lateral teeth (9, 12) of said hollow body (3) and said cap mutually coupled positively for a first direction of rotation corresponding to unscrewing said female luer lock connector (4-5), from said male luer lock connector, and initially in a second direction of rotation opposite to said first direction until a predetermined torque is reached.

11. (New) A cannula as claimed in claim 10 wherein said cap (2) is formed externally with manual actuation parts (10).

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12. (New) A cannula as claimed in claim 10 wherein said lateral teeth (12) terminate within the protection cap (2) at an inner annular flange (13) having an axially projecting stop projection (14) to space the annular flange (13) on the cap (2) from an end of the hollow body (3).